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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 9, 2001 (Paper No. 12). A three month extension of time is respectfully requested. A one month extension of time was previously paid for in the response filed on February 8, 2002. Accordingly, the enclosed check covers the difference between the three month extension fee (now due) and one month extension fee (previously paid for), for a small entity (as well as the Request of Continued Examination fee).

In the Specification

Please re-write the specification as shown below.

Please re-write the paragraph beginning on page 22, line 9, as follows:

Homologs and alleles of the RIP60 nucleic acids of the invention can be identified by conventional techniques. Thus, an aspect of the invention is those nucleic acid sequences which code for RIP60 polypeptides and which hybridize to a nucleic acid molecule consisting of the coding region of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5 or SEQ ID NO:50 under stringent conditions. The term "stringent conditions" as used herein refers to parameters with which the

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